

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Ernest J. Lee, et al.	Examiner:	David P. Stitzel, Esq.
Serial No.:	10/626,275	Art Unit:	1616
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Title:	PRAMIPEXOLE ONCE-DAILY DOSAGE FORM	Dated:	March 12, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 requesting an election in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the above-captioned case. A shortened statutory period for response to the October 13, 2006 Office Action was set to expire one month from the mailing date of the Office Action, i.e., November 13, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response for four-months, up to and including March 13, 2007 together with the provision for the required fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 27 are pending in this application. The Examiner has subjected the claims to a two-way restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-25, which are drawn to a composition comprising pramipexole or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient; and a release-modifier.

The Examiner has further requested that Applicants elect, for search purposes only, a single species of a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient. As the single elected species of the pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse: a starch. Claims 1-25 are readable upon the elected species.